

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7-10, and 16-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, and 16-20 are rejected and claims 8, 9, 21, and 22 are allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, and 10 are cancelled, claims 7 and 16-20 are amended, and new claims 23-28 are added. Accordingly, claims 7-9, and 16-22 remain in the application and are presented for review and further consideration by the Examiner, along with new claims 23-28.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 10, and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. (Examiner's Action, page 3, ¶ 3).

In response, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, and 10 and amended claims 7 and 16-20 to be dependent upon allowed claims.

Applicants' claim 7 has been amended to be dependent upon, and consistent with, allowed independent claim 9. New claim 23 has been added to depend upon allowed independent claim 8 and to reflect limitations present in claim 7.

Applicants' claims 16-20 have been amended to be dependent upon, and consistent with, allowed independent claim 22. New claims 24-28 have been added to depend upon allowed independent claim 21 and to reflect limitations present in claims 16-20.

In view of the allowance of claims 8, 9, 21, and 22, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining dependent claims are also allowable because they contain all of the limitations of their respective independent claims and further add structural and functional limitations.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are believed to be a complete response to the most recent Examiner's Action.


No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no claim, teaching, motivation, or suggestion in any of the prior art cited, alone or in combination, to produce what Applicants claim.

It is further submitted that the application, as amended, defines patentable subject matter and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain which would preclude the prompt disposition of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone.

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